

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 82

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Keep Morristown  
Hamblen Beautiful on the occasion of its twenty-  
fifth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize those community-based organizations whose goal is to protect the environment, conserve natural resources, promote energy efficiency, and support economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Keep Morristown Hamblen Beautiful recycling program is one such organization that has, for the past twenty-five years, offered recycling services to a mostly rural population, making history in solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, one of our nation's leading nonprofit organizations, Keep America Beautiful, Inc., inspires and educates people to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment, envisioning a country where every community is a clean, green, and beautiful place to live; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the local Keep America Beautiful affiliate in Morristown held occasional recycling events but lacked a permanent recycling program; in response to growing consumerism and subsequent waste, organizers developed a recycling program and received a \$60,000 grant from the city to administer drop-off facilities; and

WHEREAS, beginning in September 1990, Keep America Beautiful administered eight drop-off locations in Morristown, with dumpsters at schools and a Tidi Waste facility; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the ribbon cutting, Hamblen County officials approached the organization about the possibility of including county residents; in the spring of 1991, a recycling task force was put in place, and after nine months of talking and planning, the Keep Morristown Hamblen Beautiful recycling program was born; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Keep Morristown Hamblen Beautiful have their recycling picked up at their curbside, unlike other counties, where residents have to take items to a convenience center; the program originally used a bag-based system, and today, many residents use blue roll-out containers; and

WHEREAS, a volunteer-based, nonprofit organization, Keep Morristown Hamblen Beautiful has coordinated and participated in the Annual Great American Cleanup, the Funky Art Program/America Recycles Day, BOPAE Recycling Collection, Soil Conservation Field Days, the Mountain Makins Festival, and the annual Christmas parade; and

WHEREAS, inspiring and educating people to take action every day, Keep Morristown Hamblen Beautiful has welcomed partnerships with the Hamblen County Planning Commission, Hamblen County Schools, 5 Rivers Homeschool Association, Morristown Housing Authority Community Service Program, and the Hamblen County Community Service Program, among others; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to acknowledge the good works and great accomplishments of Keep Morristown Hamblen Beautiful; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Keep Morristown Hamblen Beautiful for its work to improve and beautify Morristown and Hamblen County, congratulate the organization on its twenty-fifth anniversary, and extend our best wishes for continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.